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## Aruba Supreme Audit Institution participate at South Africa Conference

ORANJESTAD -- A delegation of the Aruba Supreme Audit Institution (Algemene Rekenkamer Aruba - ARA) participated in the XX INTO-SAI conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. The International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) was charged with the organization of the conference.

No less than 192 supreme audit institutions are members of INTOSAI with representation from 187 countries. During this conference the ISSAI (International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions) were accepted as being the standard to which all audit institutions must adhere.

The Aruba Supreme Audit Institution used the opportunity during the conference to submit her petition for membership in INTOSAI. ARA president Gaby Werleman and member Frederick Nuboer presented Aruba's petition for membership to, member of the board of INTOSAI, Monica Gonzalez.

Noteworthy is the fact that for the first time all the Supreme Audit Institutions of the Dutch Kingdom, namely, Aruba, Curacao, Sint Maarten and Holland met together for a combined meeting. They also decided that there will be future cooperation with each other. There already exists a relationship of cooperation between the Aruba institution and Holland.

Aruba's Supreme Audit Institution (ARA) stands to benefit greatly from her membership in INTOSAI. The benefits which INTOSAI will provide would raise the level of the work of supreme audit institutions in Aruba and around the world.

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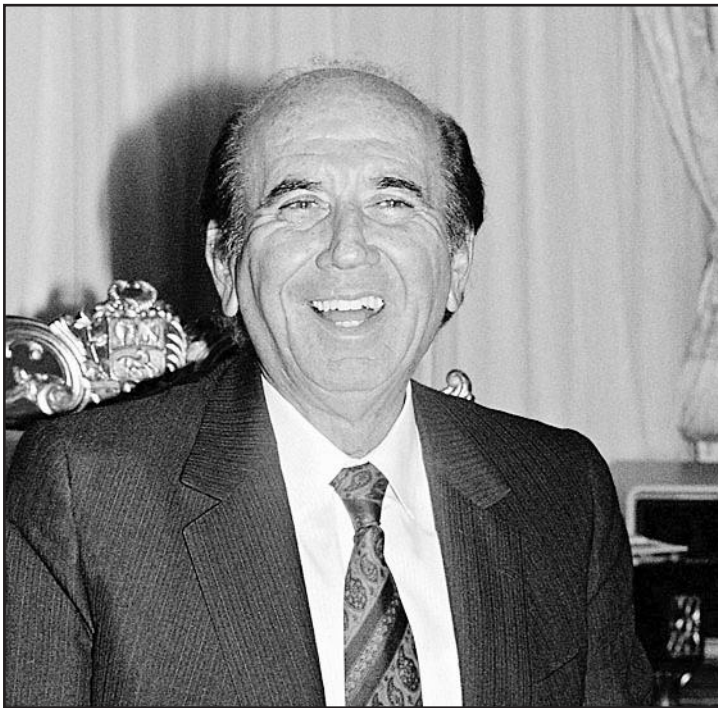
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## Venezuelan ex-president Carlos Andres Perez dies



This file photo dated 19 May 1993 shows ex-president of Venezuela (1974-1979 and 1989-1983) Carlos Andres Perez in Caracas, Venezuela. Carlos Andres Perez died in Miami of a heart attack at the age of 88, on December 25, 2010, his daughter Maria Francia reported. (AFP PHOTO)

## More than 80 dead in Pakistan suicide bombing and raids

KHAR, Pakistan (AFP) — More than 80 people were killed in a suicide bombing on a World Food Program project and a series of helicopter raids against militant camps in northwestern Pakistan, officials said.

A suicide bomber wearing a burqa, who some officials said was a woman, killed at least 43 people at a World Food Program distribution point in a tribal area bordering Afghanistan on Saturday.

The blast occurred in Khar, the main town of lawless Bajaur tribal district, once a stronghold of Taliban militants who have carried out several bombings and suicide attacks in the area.

Most of the victims belonged to the local Salarzai tribe which supported military action against the militants and formed a militia to force them from Bajaur.

Separately, 40 militants were killed in Mohmand, another lawless tribal district, in

a series of military raids, officials said.

US President Barack Obama condemned the Khar incident as an "outrageous terrorist attack" and said the United States stood with the people of Pakistan.

"Killing innocent civilians outside a World Food Program distribution point is an affront to the people of Pakistan, and to all humanity," he added.

There were conflicting reports about the identity of the bomber in Khar, with some officials saying the attacker was a woman, while others claimed a man disguised in a burqa was responsible.

The bomber was intercepted at a checkpoint outside the ration distribution center and the blast occurred during a search, Sohail Khan said.

Salarzai tribespeople had set up a vigilante force to evict militants from their area, but officials declined to comment when asked if they were the bomber's intended target.



The "Zouave" soldier statue on the Alma bridge in Paris is partially submerged as the river Seine's level rose yesterday in Paris. Roads along the river are closed to motorists since December 24, 2010 after the level of the water rose more than three meters. (AFP PHOTO)

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AFP photo shows a Ukrainian girl with cancer taking part in a meeting, at a hospital in Tarara, a residential complex outside Havana. From December 1990 to 2010 more than 20,800 people from the ex-Soviet republics came to Tarara to receive medical treatment for different types of cancer. (AFP PHOTO)

## Pope lunches with poor



Pope Benedict XVI is greeted as he arrives at the Paul VI hall of the Vatican yesterday. The Pontiff invited about 250 poor people to join him for a post-Christmas lunch. Joining the Pope and his guests some 250 nuns, seminarians and priests of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity order, which runs soup kitchens around Rome. (AFP PHOTO)

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## Teen solo sailor Laura Dekker looks for financial sponsorship



The team surrounding 15-year-old Laura Dekker who hopes to be the youngest person to sail solo round the world is looking for new financial sponsors, it was reported.

In particular, the team, comprised mainly of family members, needs money to visit her during the journey and carry out major repairs to her boat, Guppy, father Dick Dekker said.

The sponsor money from shipyard Jongert was used up to pay debts before the trip began and other sponsors

have not come forward, he said. TV rights for the trip have not been sold either.

Dekker said Laura's only income is the column she writes for the AD and royalties from a book written by her grandmother.

Nevertheless, the trip is not in danger, Dekker said. 'She can do it all fine. But she is more on her own than we had hoped. And as parents we can no longer visit her when she is in a harbour.'

Laura arrived in St. Maarten on December 19. She will stay there for a few

weeks. She is planning on setting sail for the Panama Canal in January.

'I will just stay here now for a bit and I will think about that,' Dekker said. 'I've not really a plan. I just want to be in the Panama Canal in May (or) April, so until that time I will cross the islands, I think.'

Her original plans called for her to sail across the Pacific to Australia, around the southern tip of India, through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean and back to Gibraltar.

The then 14-year-old girl Laura Dekker was thrust into the media spotlight in August 2009 when her ambitious plan was first revealed. She was prevented from setting sail for the two-year world trip by the Dutch Child Protection Agency. The Dutch authorities made her a ward of court in October for a one-year period. In 2010, the judge decided not to extend this period since Laura's parents, who are divorced, are now both in favour of the voyage. Previously, her mother had reservations

## Queen's Christmas message accents solidarity with others



In her Christmas message, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands has called on people to show solidarity with others in society. She said we should try to find a good balance between 'us' and 'them'. Fear and suspicion could be vanquished if people adopted a social perspective.

She urged people to involve each other in solving problems and stressed that we all belong to a single society in which every individual needs to feel safe. The danger exists that what we have in common is ignored

while differences and contrasts are exaggerated.

We should be ready to recognise our own prejudices and consider the consequences of our behaviour for others and for society as a whole. Her majesty said we should treat others the way we'd like them to treat us.

The queen said everyone needs a safe haven and to live in harmony.

'The danger is that society will weaken and the differences will grow,' she warned. 'Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.'

## The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba unveils new Palm Beach Casino, Aruba

ORANJESTAD — The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba, one of the premier gaming destinations on the island for locals and visitors alike, unveils The Palm Beach Casino, Aruba, following a \$2 million renovation and rebranding investment. With upgrades ranging from décor and games to cocktail menus and live entertainment, the casino is ready to welcome players in time for 2011.

"Aruba is known and loved not only for its warm, sunny weather and beautiful beaches, but also for the variety of activities, such as gaming, it offers," said Richard Roy, general manager, The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba. "Our goal with the

casino revamp is to further enhance guests' experience and to make our facilities the first choice among Arubans and those who visit the island."

Highlights of the new Palm Beach Casino, Aruba include 300 high-tech slot machines, five Hyperlink machines, Roulette, Craps and an array of card games such as Black Jack, Three Card Stud, Let it Ride and Caribbean Poker. The new carpeting and décor elements evoke the surrounding Caribbean scenery with a light and airy feel.

In the adjoining Palm Beach Lounge, unwind while watching sports and more on 10 new 46" flat-screen televisions, and enjoy an innova-

tive cocktail and food menu. Live entertainment will be featured in the lounge four to five nights per week.

To celebrate the unveiling, the resort is offering \$100 match play coupons for resort guests, available at the front desk. By joining the Players Club free-of-charge, visitors will also receive rewards including complimentary meals, hotel stays and casino play, along with welcome gifts, free souvenirs and more.

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## It was a very Merry Christmas for Salome, Luis and Rocky thanks to Cas Animal



Kiki Arndt of Cas Animal had a big smile when sitting down to Christmas dinner this year, "I just got a call today from Apaldoorn" she explains, "and Salome, Luis and Rocky are having a wonderful time playing together in the snow"

The three playful individuals are dogs which had formally been strays on Aruba's streets, but

Kiki had managed to find them a home with a German lady who had been working on Aruba for the past year, and her family.

The bad news was the family was required to return to Holland just before the holidays; the good news was they refused to leave the three dogs behind, and with Kiki's assistance, their return with the "cunucu" dogs in tow transpired without a hitch. "The more common story this time of year is people are leaving the island for weeks and months at a time, leaving their dogs and cats behind to fend themselves. I always end up taking in what I call "Christmas victims," but this year I am so pleased to see these people would never do anything so inhumane to the pets that love them unconditionally."

Kiki discovered her calling of saving Aruba's stray and abused dogs and cats when she came to live on the island 14 years ago. At present, she has 71 dogs and 11 puppies living in her home, and 38 cats in the house of a like-minded friend. She began the Cas Animal Foundation with the intention of building a proper facility for all the abandoned and abused dogs of the island and has been awarded a piece of land in Kibaima for that purpose; she is now attempting to raise the funds for the center where the animals will be cared for properly and she can maintain her no-kill policy. She has sold two homes which provided her rent income, which has her halfway to her goal.

i also wished to bring forth a plea this holiday season on behalf of her friend Paul, a retired Dutch marine living on Aruba, who has made his home a haven for cats. He and his 21 cats are being evicted from a small, quiet place

where they have been living, and he is in immediate need of a new place to live with his brood, each of which is as dear to him as if they were his children.

"Paul needs a quiet, out-of-the-way place far from heavy motorized traffic, so as to protect the cats from harm," reports Kiki, "he has a comfortable retirement income, so expense is the not issue, but the owners must be tolerant of the cats. We hope we can assist Paul in finding a happy ending to his year as did Salome, Luis and Rocky."

If you are interested in assisting Kiki in her causes, contact her at 742-8732 to adopt a dog; transporting them to the U.S. or Europe is very easy and she will walk you through the process. Donations are also appreciated as it costs an astronomical amount of money to feed all the animals and Kiki maintains an Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110-Cas Animal

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## World may recognise Palestine soon: Israel minister

JERUSALEM, Israel (AFP) - With peace talks stalled, the "entire world" could recognise a Palestinian state within a year, a dovish Israeli cabinet minister warned Sunday, urging the resumption of negotiations.

The comments from Industry and Trade Minister Benjamin Ben Eliezer come after Ecuador formally recognised Palestine as an independent state on Friday, following the lead of other South American countries.

Brazil, Argentina and Bo-



livia gave formal recognition earlier this month while Uruguay said it will do so early in the new year.

"I would not be surprised if within a year the entire world,

even the US, recognizes a Palestinian state, then we will have to explain how this happened," Ben Eliezer told reporters ahead of the weekly cabinet meeting.

Israel opposes any recognition of a Palestinian state, saying its establishment must be reached through negotiations and not through unilateral moves.

But with the breakdown of peace talks, the Palestinians have said they are considering new diplomatic options, and welcomed the recognition

from the Latin American nations.

Direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, the first for nearly two years, began in Washington on September 2. But they quickly stalled, when a 10-month Israeli settlement freeze expired on September 26.

The Palestinians refused to resume negotiations without a new moratorium and on December 7 Washington admitted that it had failed to convince Israel to renew the building ban, despite offering a gener-

ous package of incentives.

Ben Eliezer, from the dovish Labour Party, said Israel must do all it can to get talks back on track.

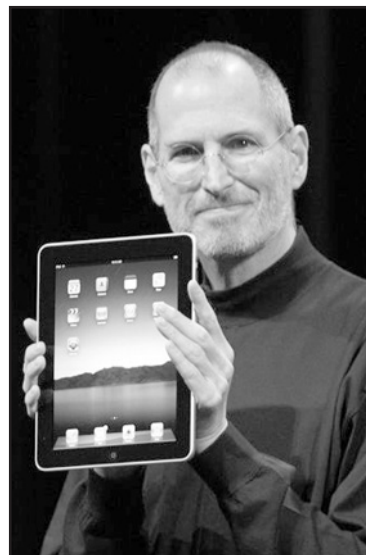
"We must do all everything possible to renew talks with the Palestinians, even if it means a settlement freeze for a few months," he said.

Palestinian negotiators have emphasised a set of alternatives to new talks, including seeking recognition of a Palestinian state along the borders that existed in 1967, before the Six Day War.



## Sci-Tech

# Apple, Steve Jobs hit new heights in 2010



NEW YORK (AFP) – Apple dethroned Microsoft as the world's most valuable technology company in 2010 as its co-founder Steve Jobs soared to new heights with the touchscreen iPad tablet computer and the latest iPhone.

Britain's Financial Times last week named Jobs its "Person of the Year" and even US President Barack Obama joined in the plaudits to the 55-year-old chief executive of the Cupertino, California-based gadget-maker.

Jobs' appearance on a San Francisco stage in January to unveil the iPad capped what the FT called "the most remarkable comeback in modern business history."

"It wasn't simply a matter of the illness that had sidelined him for half the year before, leaving him severely emaciated and eventually requiring a liver transplant," the newspaper said.

"Little more than a decade earlier, both Mr. Jobs' career and Apple, the company he had co-founded, were widely considered washed up, their relevance to the future of technology written off," it said.

Obama, at a White House news conference on Wednesday, held up Jobs as an example of the virtues of the "free market."

"We celebrate somebody like a Steve Jobs, who has created two or three different revolutionary products," Obama said. "We expect that person to be rich, and that's a good thing."

The iPad hit stores in the United States in April and Apple reported sales at the end of September of more than eight million of the devices that the FT said offer a glimpse into a world without a computer mouse or Windows.

Other technology firms

are trying to match Apple's success with tablets of their own, including South Korea's Samsung, Canada's Research In Motion, maker of the BlackBerry, and US computer giants Hewlett-Packard and Dell.

But none has yet to prove capable of preventing Apple from establishing the same dominance over the tablet computer market that it exercises over the MP3 music player scene with the ubiquitous iPod, introduced in 2001.

Goldman Sachs said it expects Apple to ship 37.2 million iPads in 2011 -- "which could potentially make Apple one of the largest vendors in the global personal computing market" -- tablets plus personal computers.

The iPad wasn't Apple's only hit product in 2010.

The iPhone 4, the latest version of the touchscreen smartphone introduced by Apple in 2007, sold 14.1 million units in the quarter which ended in September, up 91 percent over the same quarter a year earlier.

Even Apple TV, a product Jobs once dismissed as a "hobby," is notching up strong sales. Apple said last week that sales of the latest model of the set-top box that can stream content from the Web had topped one million units.

The rare blemishes on Apple's record in 2010 were its continuing inability to come out with a promised white model of the iPhone 4 and complaints of lost reception due to the radical antenna design on the device.

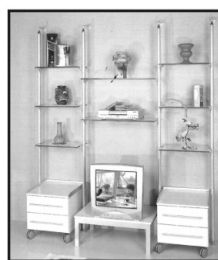
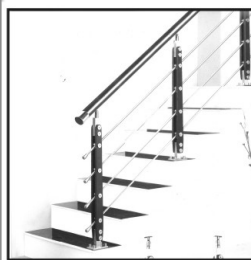
Apple shares, worth 10 dollars at the end of 2003, gained around 60 percent this year, closing at more than 320 dollars on Wall Street on Thursday.

In May, Apple surpassed Microsoft as the largest US technology company in terms of market value. The only companies with larger market capitalization than Apple's nearly 300 billion dollars are ExxonMobil and Petrochina.

Meeschaert New York analyst Gregori Volokhine described Apple's rise as "absolutely extraordinary" and said "every analyst has an even higher target price for next year, between 360 dollars and 430 dollars."

"Apple's more than just a company," Volokhine told AFP. "It's become a cultural phenomenon. The hard part now will be not to disappoint."

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# Firms look to up solar power presence in India



A villager switches on a light powered by solar energy in the village of Morabandar on Elephanta Island

MORABANDAR, India (AFP) – The Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site off the coast of India's financial capital Mumbai, draw hundreds of thousands of tourists every year.

But when the last of the wooden ferry boats leaves at nightfall for the mainland 14 kilometres (8.5 miles) away, the villagers who live permanently on the island are plunged into darkness.

A new scheme, launched this week by an Australian firm, aims to change that, providing three villages with round-the-clock electricity for the first time by harnessing power from the country's most abundant energy source -- sunshine.

The initiative by the Sydney-based Solar-Gem to run LED lamps from panels that soak up the sun's rays and store them as electricity in battery units comes as domestic and foreign firms look to India as a growth market for renewable energy.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said he wants the country to become a world leader in the sector, not just to cut a crippling energy deficit that could hinder de-

velopment but for security of supply and to tackle climate change.

Government figures from the end of November showed that highly-polluting coal accounted for nearly 55 percent of India's total energy production.

Renewable energy, most of it from wind power, provides 10 percent. Solar energy use is negligible.

Now India's National Solar Mission aims to source 20,000 megawatts of electricity from solar power by 2022 -- about 4,000 megawatts more than the current capacity provided by all forms of renewable energy.

The head of Solar-Gem, Khimji Vaghjiani, said solar power had "enormous scope" in India, as 80,000 villages have no electricity and plans for conventional power plants are often delayed over land or environmental concerns about pollution.

"Trying to distribute power is going to be very difficult (in India)," he told AFP before the launch on Monday evening.

"What do we do in the meantime where villagers are using kerosene and candles? We can put them (solar pan-

els) into every household, moving them away from harmful kerosene and costly diesel."

Indian companies likely to benefit from the focus on solar energy include Tata BP Solar -- a tie-up between Tata Power and BP Solar, a subsidiary of the British oil giant -- and Reliance Solar, part of the country's largest private sector firm, Reliance Industries.

Foreign players are also sensing opportunities, as the price of solar power technology falls and overseas governments look to support India as it tries to switch from a reliance on fossil fuels to "clean" energy sources.

Solar-Gem, whose initiative is a jointly funded Australian-Indian project, said India could become a manufacturing hub for its technology while France's Solaredirect last week announced plans to set up in the country.

Leading overseas solar technology firms, particularly in the United States, however, are said to be concerned about Indian restrictions on imports and believe they could hinder attempts to boost solar power production.

Manish Ram, from the energy and climate unit at environmental group Greenpeace, said the country's solar energy target was "very feasible" and there was no reason why India, with its warm, sunny climate, could not generate more.

Investment in "off-grid" energy schemes such as that on Elephanta Island could be the way forward for hard-to-reach rural areas, he said, as "the centralised system has failed to deliver" with power cuts widespread where supplies exist.



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## Health & Living

# Novo Nordisk says to market improved insulin in 2013

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AFP) – Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk said last week it planned to put a new insulin product on the market by 2013 after tests showed advantages to the widely sold diabetes drug Lantus.

"We believe that this ultra long-acting fourth-generation insulin will be a serious competitor to Lantus when it reaches the market in 2013," said Mike Rulis, a spokesman for the company which is a leader in treatments for diabetes.

Novo Nordisk last week released results of studies it said showed that its product, Degludec, reduced the risk of dangerous drops in blood sugar levels during the night by 25 percent compared to Lantus, which is manufactured by the French company Sanofi-Aventis.



"Nocturnal hypoglycaemia -- episodes of too low blood sugar during the night -- is a major worry for many people with diabetes," Mads Krosgaard Thomsen, Novo Nordisk's executive vice president and chief science officer, was quoted as saying in a statement.

According to the World Health Organisation, more than 220 million people worldwide have diabetes, which occurs when the body cannot produce insulin to regulate blood sugar levels or cannot use natural insulin effectively due to overweight and absence of sufficient exercise.

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## What is seasonal affective disorder (winter depression)?

The terms 'winter depression' and seasonal affective disorder (SAD) describe a form of depression that occurs in the winter months. Women are affected more often than men, and the prominent symptoms are:

- \*low mood starting in autumn or winter.
- \*lack of energy.
- \*irritability.
- \*overeating and weight gain (there is often a craving for carbohydrate food).
- \*lack of interest in socialising.
- \*increased sleep and daytime sleepiness.

Opinion is divided as to whether this is a separate disease from other forms of depression, although there does appear to be a group of people that suffer with it on a regular basis starting in the autumn or winter and then recovering in the spring or summer.

It is unusual for these symptoms to be of sufficient severity for them to be brought to the attention of doctors but for those individuals who do find that they need medical help, all the usual medication and psychological treatments may be tried. There have also been reports of successful treatment using exposure to bright light.

There is a small proportion of people with regular winter depression who find that their mood does not simply return to normal in the spring/summer, but that it becomes excessively high. It is possible that these individuals have a seasonal bipolar affective disorder (seasonal manic depression) and again the mood stabilising treatments for the more common non-seasonal form of the illness are available.

### What causes winter depression?

In some people the apparent relationship to the seasons is simply because of stresses and difficulties that regularly happen for them at that time of year. The illness these people



### A woman uses a lightbox

suffer from would seem to be little different to any depressive illness that is triggered by a stressful event.

Where a regular precipitating event does not occur, the cause is not known. It is possibly related to the reduction in natural light and the lower temperatures in the winter months but this is uncertain and there is no good evidence for it being more common in very northern countries where the winter hours of daylight are much shorter.

It has been suggested that the release of a brain chemical (melatonin) may be involved. Melatonin release is influenced by exposure to light and can exert an effect on several bodily rhythms, but research into

this has been fairly inconclusive.

### How is it treated?

When treatment is necessary it may include:

- \*antidepressant medication
- \*psychological therapy
- \*bright light therapy.

Bright light therapy consists of the sufferer having a special lamp or light box at home that provides a very

strong source of light.

Light therapy has certainly been found to help some people with SAD, and has been reported to reduce the depressive symptoms after just a few days. The symptoms are also reported to return quite quickly after the treatment is stopped.

The sufferer needs to be exposed to the light source for a number of hours each day, and the beneficial effect appears to be due to the light rather than the fact that the person's sleep is reduced with the treatment. It is difficult, however, to be sure that the benefit is not a 'placebo effect', especially as there is little evidence for an alteration in the level of melatonin as a result of the treatment.





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There is a particularly lovely beach on Aruba with a gorgeous vista right near the airport, known always as Surfside; for some time now the building adjacent to it has gone through a string of owners seeking an appropriate identity for this special place, and it looks like it has finally found it with the opening of the Nikky Beach Club Aruba.

Our investigative team from THE MORNING NEWS went down to have a look at this latest venture, and we found just the kind of authentically tranquil, Caribbean ambiance vacationers seek when

visiting Aruba. New owner Hans and his GM Lub have completely renovated and redesigned the venue to fully showcase this charming location while providing a very reasonably priced menu and bar.

The official arrival of holiday season has a number of company party planners scrambling at the last minute for a venue for their end of the year festivities; if you have a group to small for the larger resorts and are looking for a unique and charming location with an expert gourmet chef, the new Nikky Beach will very

likely come to the rescue. Contact Lub to arrange a customized holiday party for your group to fit your budget, including free-flowing mimosas.

This month they are hosting a number of special public parties on Saturday nights, starting with the 10th anniversary bash of the I LUV MUZIKA group this coming Saturday, December 4, which should be a blast. Until arrival of Christmas there will be more such events, and they will crown their month with a special holiday dinner on December 25 and 26.

Hans and Lub have dubbed Sunday's at Nikky Beach "Rehab Day," when they provide a particularly pleasant ambiance with popular local and international DJ's from noon on and \$3 Mimosas all day long. During the traditional Happy Hour time slot, they feature live music with top local groups specializing in the soft sound of the islands.

When first investigating Nikky Beach we discovered extremely interesting items on the menu at very moderate prices; their chef offers an extensive fusion selection that re-



veals expertise in several notable cuisines coupled with a nice variety that will please everyone's mood. For lunch and snacking you find a varied choice of classic salads, favorite local treats, pastas and gourmet sandwiches. Kitchen is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

One last interesting tidbit: Lub explained they offer a customized Departure Day Package that allows vacationer to stow their luggage, enjoy all their amenities, choose a meal, drinks or both and they will personally guarantee getting you to the airport in plenty of time for the flight. Changing

rooms and showers let you swim and beach it until departure time and you can linger without rushing, as the airport is only 2 minutes away; no worries about fighting traffic or delays. "Why should you end your stay on a hurried and harried note?" asks Lub. "You can join us for the day and keep that relaxed island ambiance up to the last minute; it doesn't have to end at check out." The package requires reservations, which can be made by calling 582-0153 or contact them through their website: [www.nickybeach-aruba.com](http://www.nickybeach-aruba.com).

by Rosalie Klein

## Unique glass work exposition at the Westin Art Gallery

Jan and Eefje van der Straten, owners and curators of the elegant art gallery located just of the lobby of the Westin Resort in Palm Beach, were proud to host a short, three-day exposition and sale of glass work by island artists Miriam Abath, Deborah de Weerd and Marcha Hoost titled "Elements."

It opened last Tuesday evening, and ended Thursday with their work on display at the gallery. Miriam, with her husband and fellow glass artist, Ciro Abath, have their Terrafuse studio not far from the Palm Beach Resorts, and have garnered many acolytes since introducing various techniques of glass art to Aruba. Miriam has a lovely collection of blown glass and molded



**Aruba color themed ensemble of necklace and paperweight**

bead necklaces for sale, many are part of ensembles with paperweights.

Marcha has her own distinct style of creating glass beads, often using historical designs and repeated patterns. She deploys a diversity of colors; frequently inspired by the brilliant hues of the trop-

ical environment of Aruba.

Deborah studied Textile Art at the Academy of Arts in Maastricht, Holland, and her glass work is extremely unique and stylized. Unlike the work of Miriam and Marcha, it is not wearable art, but beautifully abstract.

Ciro has also placed on display some of his gorgeous blown glass ornaments, which many at the opening felt made the perfect holiday gift. All the works are remarkably affordable for unique, original art.

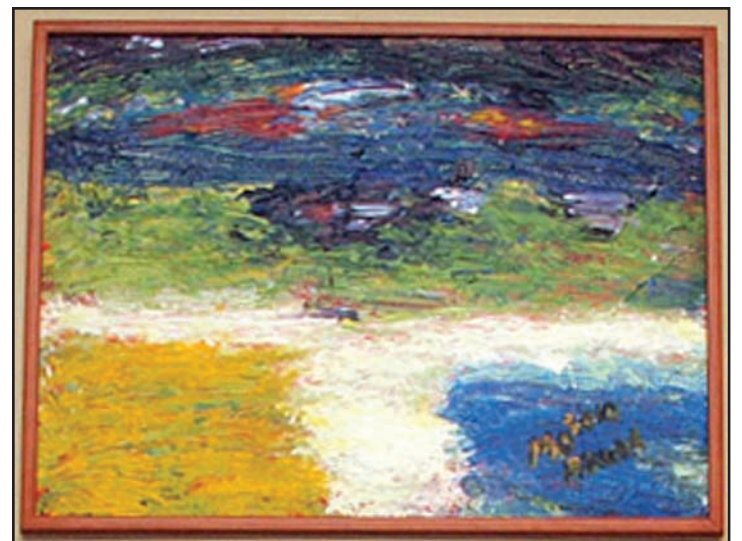
Westin Resort Director of Marketing, Pat Donovan, in welcoming those for the opening of "Elements," mentioned that Westin has repeat guests at this time of year who have inquired in advance if they will again have the opportunity to obtain some of the works by Miriam and her disciples; he was very pleased he could respond affirmatively.

The women shared the gallery with paintings by internationally renowned local artist Mo Mohammad. His ex-

citing work is quintessential Caribbean art, reflecting upon the origins, daily life, and environs of the islands, and will continue to be on display through January.

The Westin Gallery is open 24 hours a day; a gallery representative is present every Wednesday and Friday afternoon to respond to inquiries. They can also be reached anytime at telephone number 743-4080 or 587-0004.

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**Nature by Mo Mohammad**

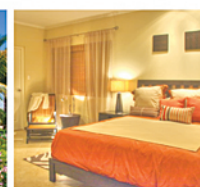


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## Assange says signed 1.1 million pounds in book deals

LONDON, England (AFP) — WikiLeaks chief Julian Assange said in an interview published yesterday he had signed deals for his autobiography worth more than one million pounds (1.2 million euros, 1.5 million dollars).

Assange told Britain's Sunday Times newspaper that the money would help him defend himself against allegations of sexual assault made by two women in Sweden.

"I don't want to write this

book, but I have to," he said. "I have already spent 200,000 pounds for legal costs and I need to defend myself and to keep WikiLeaks afloat."

The Australian said he would receive 800,000 dollars (600,000 euros) from Alfred A. Knopf, his American publisher, and a British deal with Canongate is worth 325,000 pounds (380,000 euros, 500,000 dollars).

Money from other markets and serialisation is expected to raise the total to 1.1 mil-

lion pounds, he said.

The latest project of Assange's whistleblower website is the gradual release of tens of thousands of US diplomatic cables.

Since this latest project began Assange, who is on bail in Britain fighting a bid by Sweden to extradite him over the sex assault claims, has faced problems financing WikiLeaks.

Credit card companies Visa and MasterCard and the Internet payment firm PayPal have blocked donations to WikiLeaks, prompting Assange to label them "instruments of US foreign policy."

The Bank of America, the largest US bank, has also halted all transactions to WikiLeaks.

Washington has been infuriated by WikiLeaks as the site slowly releases the cache



Julian Assange

of around 250,000 secret US State Department cables. The US is believed to be considering how to indict Assange over the huge leak.

Assange has been staying at a friend's country mansion in eastern England since his release from jail on Decem-

ber 16 on strict bail conditions that include reporting to police daily and wearing an electronic tag.

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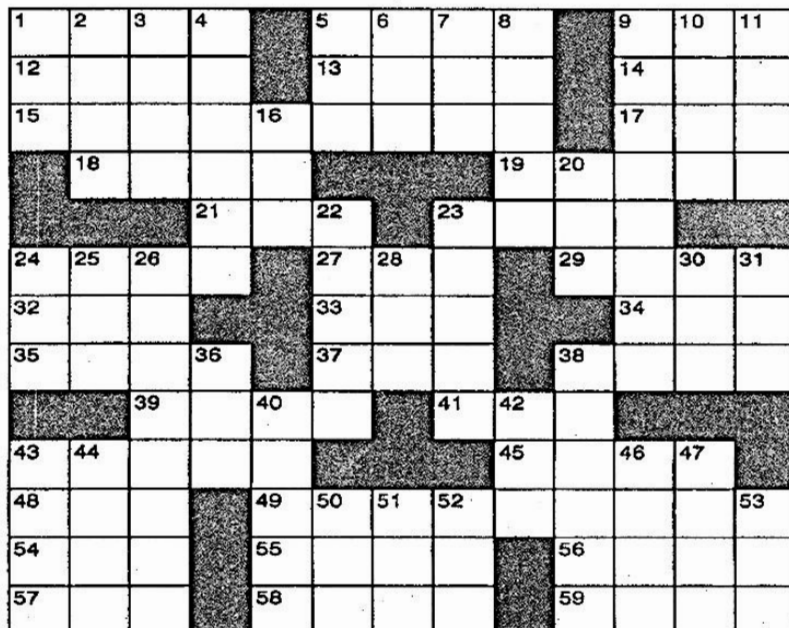
## ACROSS

1. Grand \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Hotel employee  
9. "My Gal \_\_\_\_\_"  
12. Comic Bob \_\_\_\_\_  
13. Real estate parcel  
14. \_\_\_\_\_ la la  
15. Fir  
17. Crutch  
18. Rim  
19. Sprinkle  
21. Moray or conger  
23. Garden plant  
24. Food fish  
27. Grease  
29. Outline  
32. Place  
33. Car protector  
34. Female sheep  
35. Comic Johnson  
37. Wicked  
38. Eve's home  
39. Singer Williams  
41. Sea eagle  
43. Newlywed  
45. To the sheltered side

48. Operated  
49. Small-time  
54. Had a burger  
55. Curved molding  
56. Cafe employee  
57. Senator Kennedy  
58. Carry  
59. Slave of yore

## DOWN

1. That girl  
2. Adore  
3. Copied  
4. Joined  
5. Blemish  
6. High card  
7. Anger  
8. Thick  
9. Frightened  
10. Opera song  
11. Title for Godiva  
16. Horse command  
20. Energy  
22. Hotel entrance  
23. Sword  
24. Health resort  
25. "Ben \_\_\_\_\_"  
26. Reached  
28. Composer Gershwin  
30. Have bills  
31. Eleven minus one  
36. \_\_\_\_\_ of the line  
38. Intertwine  
40. Station  
42. Beam of light  
43. Spoiled tot  
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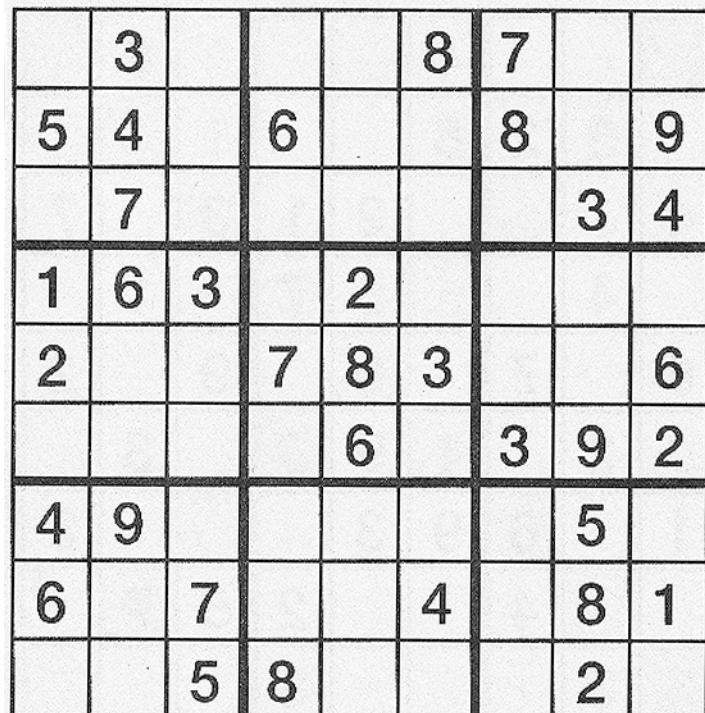
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2	6	8	1	9	9	7	8
9	7	1	8	8	2	6	9
8	2	9	6	2	7	8	1
4	8	2	9	1	6	9	2
6	1	8	2	8	9	2	9
9	9	2	8	7	2	1	6

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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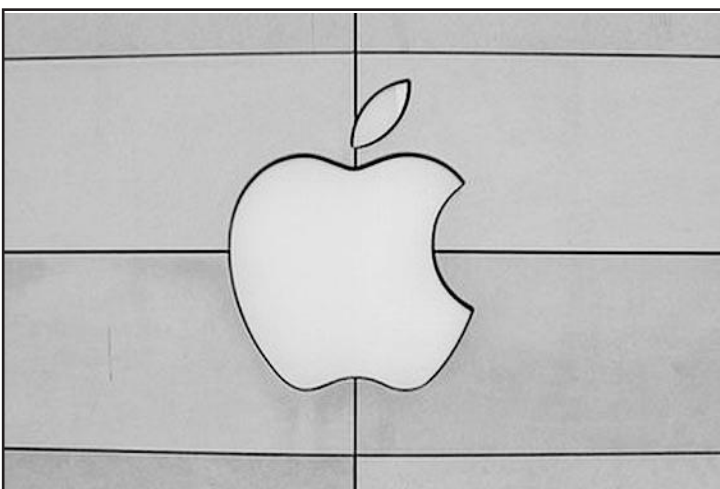
## Finance



File photo shows South Africa's Foreign Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane at the UN headquarters in New York in September. Her country has been formally invited to join the Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) group of key emerging nations, bolstering its image as the economic gateway to Africa, Nkoana-Mashabane said. (AFP PHOTO)



A snow plough is driven on the second runway, in an attempt to get it operational again, at Heathrow Airport, west of London. Britain wants to introduce new laws which could see airports heavily fined for disrupting passengers' travel in the wake of the pre-Christmas snow chaos that hit London Heathrow, a newspaper reported yesterday (AFP PHOTO)



Apple dethroned Microsoft as the world's most valuable technology company in 2010 as its co-founder Steve Jobs soared to new heights with the touchscreen iPad tablet computer and the latest iPhone. (AFP PHOTO)

## Eurozone reform moves: deep revamp or just tinkering?

PARIS, France (AFP) – The eurozone debt crisis has shaken the foundations of the single currency alliance. Its leaders are now weighing measures that could either herald a far-reaching operational re-vamp or simply a modest tinkering.

Emergency or temporary bailouts for euro states struggling with huge debts and gaping public deficits have given way to a permanent rescue mechanism.

At the same time, eurozone leaders have begun to talk about giving the bloc greater cohesion with the creation of an "economic government," perhaps through a federal arrangement similar to that of the United States.

There have also been suggestions that eurozone nations jointly issue debt bonds, allowing financially troubled eurozone nations to pool their credit standing with stronger partners.

In an initial gesture, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund joined forces last May to make 110 billion euros available to Greece -- but only after much debate over whether EU sovereignty could be compromised by calling in the IMF.

Then it became clear that Greece was not the only eurozone member under threat. So the EU and IMF went a step further and launched a broader temporary fund that would provide a 750-billion-euro backstop for countries in difficulty.

The fund was called the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), financed by the 16 eurozone members, and is due to expire in mid-2013.

But EU leaders understood that the eurozone's debt crisis could not be made to disappear with temporary measures. So at a Brussels summit December 16-17 it approved a permanent rescue scheme -- the European Stability Mechanism -- to replace the EFSF in 2013.

And in what would be another significant development, private sector banks and investment funds that buy government-issued bonds may for the first time have to absorb

some of the losses should states require financial help.

The ESM, as is the case with the current arrangement, allows for financial assistance to countries provided they adopt budgetary measures drafted by the EU's executive commission and the IMF.

The engagement of private investors, however, would not be automatic, as Germany had initially wanted: it would be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Private investor contributions would depend on the seriousness of the crisis, as measured by the European Commission and the IMF in conjunction with the European Central Bank.

The commission, the IMF and the ECB would determine if the country concerned merely faced a cash shortage or was in fact facing insolvency.

In the case of a liquidity squeeze private creditors would simply be encouraged to hold on to their investment.

But if a government was deemed to be insolvent, European aid would come with an obligation not only to implement budget reforms but to restructure the debt.

The government concerned would then negotiate with its private creditors. Debt payments could be rescheduled, interest rates lowered or the amounts to be repaid reduced.

The proposal for joint eurozone bonds, advocated most prominently by Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, has sparked considerable controversy in recent months, but it remains a live talking point.

Guaranteed jointly by all the eurozone members, the interest rates for such bonds would be averaged out on rates practised by countries joining the scheme.

That would shield countries facing financial difficulties from speculation and panicked markets demanding exorbitant rates.

But Germany, proud of the low interest it pays due to its strong economic performance and management, has rejected the proposal: it would increase

the rates it has to pay to borrow.

Berlin has also argued that the arrangement would make it easier for countries to avoid adopting difficult but necessary fiscal adjustments.

Throughout the debt crisis analysts have contended that bailouts alone are not sufficient -- that what the eurozone really needs is a thorough overhaul of its operating procedures.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has lobbied for a form of economic governance that would reduce divergences among member states.

His finance minister, Christine Lagarde, last week told a German newspaper that "an economic government means seeking the approval of other states" before taking action.

But her remarks drew a negative response from German Economy Minister Rainer Brudele.

Brudele described the idea as "not a good plan," calling instead for a "permanent protection mechanism for the single currency" and sanctions against eurozone members who fail to exercise budget restraint.

An alternative approach would provide the eurozone with a degree of fiscal federalism, whereby it would have the authority to transfer funds throughout the bloc -- from richer states to poorer partners -- as a means of evening out divergences.

A European federal treasury could also manage tax policies and in that way make the eurozone a true economic union as opposed to simply a monetary union.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families,

famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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## Dutch police welcome snow as crime busting aid

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) — While commuters complain of disruptions caused by recent heavy snow, Dutch police have welcomed it as an unusual aid in catching illegal cannabis growers and other criminals.

"A clean roof amid others covered in snow is often an indication of the presence of attic

growing lights for a cannabis plantation," police spokesman Henri van Pinxteren of the south eastern Brabant region said.

"Police on patrol would list the addresses of homes with clean roofs for later inspection. It often leads to arrests. This is a well-known tool for the police in winter," Van Pinxteren added.

## Good news for Good News Baptist Church

Good News Baptist Church in Tanki Leendert called a new pastor following their Wednesday night church service on 15 December. The congregation voted 100% to call Reverend Danny Alford as their new pastor. Pastor Alford has been in the ministry for 40 years, beginning with his biblical education and training at a Baptist college in Springfield, Missouri.

He has ministered in American churches in Texas, New York, Alabama, and Florida. He also authored a book on Youth work after he and his wife worked with teenagers for many years.

Ten years ago, Reverend Alford and his wife moved to Holland where he successfully planted the Lighthouse Baptist Church in the city of Almere, near Amsterdam. The church began as a Bible Study in a Dutch-Aruban's home in Amsterdam. The ministry eventually expanded to Mr. Alford's home and grew as a church from this point. The church rented space in several locations and is still going well today at its present location in the Almere.

Along with building the church and ministering to the needs of the people in Almere and the surrounding communities, Pastor Alford became fluent in the Dutch language, never realizing at that time that he would eventually settle in Aruba. Dutch, being a difficult language for most foreigners proved to be equally challenging to the Alfords. Pastor Alford attributes much of his success from self study and listening to the sermons of another Dutch pastor over the internet. He took advantage of helpful friends that were always happy to tutor him.

After five years of ministry in Holland, Rev. Alford accepted a call to become the pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Exeter, England. The history of this church, near the River Ex and sitting beside the ancient Roman wall that still surrounds parts of the city, dates back to the days of George Whitfield when a convert of his, Henry Tanner, funded and built a church known then as Tanner's Tabernacle.

Reverend Alford's objective was to encourage and stabilize this church, getting it to the point where they could call their own National pastor. Two and one-half years later, he joyfully and confidently turned the church over to a British man who had been called into the ministry.



The Alfords returned to the states at this time, not knowing at the beginning what God was going to do through them. Reverend Alford had the opportunity to reach out to the continent of Africa. He worked with another missionary who ministered in Middle Eastern and West African countries to help train and encourage National pastors who were "Baptistic" in their doctrine and practices. At this time, he visited war-torn Ghana and Liberia. It was during this time that Mrs. Alford's mother was diagnosed with cancer. The Alfords were then able to understand why the Lord brought them back to their home country rather than allowing them to serve on foreign soil.

Shortly before Mrs. Alford's mother succumbed to her battle with cancer, the Alfords' hearts began stirring to be in another foreign country, serving the Lord.

After much prayer, the Alfords made a trip to Aruba to confirm God's plan for their lives. They had no doubt that Aruba was where God wanted them to minister next. After their return, they learned about the Good News Baptist Church.

The church, started three years ago, had been without a pastor for the past twelve months. They had earnestly been praying for the Lord to send them a pastor who would lead them in the biblical way they desired. Several American pastors had come to help them keep their church going over

the past year but there was no one to lead them permanently.

Once the Alfords heard about the church, they contacted two of the church officers. The Alfords then made plans to come to Aruba and to personally meet the members of Good News Baptist Church. In addition, it was an opportunity for the church to become acquainted with the Alfords.

A bond quickly formed between everyone. The church members gave testimony of their assurance that God brought the Alfords to their island and to their church. The Alfords quickly changed their travel plans to extend their trip several extra weeks. When the vote was cast on Wednesday evening, the church unanimously agreed that the Alfords were their answer to prayer and God's man for the job.

The Alfords will be returning to the states shortly to raise additional financial support that will be necessary for them to live in Aruba. They have already found a house and hope to close the transaction before their departure. In their absence, Pastor Alford will be arranging for several retired ministers to help carry out the responsibilities of a pastor and to minister in whatever capacity is needed.

Pastor Alford cordially invites the islanders of Aruba to visit the Good News Baptist Church. It is located in Tanki Leendert #132-B, just around the corner from the twin, onion-shaped towers and Domino's Pizza on Highway 2-B.

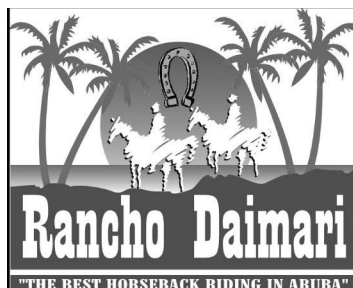
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## Kameda makes history with bantamweight title victory



Koki Kameda (C) of Japan celebrates with his brothers Taiki (L) and Kazuki (R) after his victory over Alexander Munoz of Venezuela in the WBA Bantamweight title bout in Saitama, suburban Tokyo, on December 26, 2010.

SAITAMA (AFP) - Japan's Koki Kameda won the vacant World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight title on Sunday when he defeated Alexander Munoz of Venezuela by a unanimous decision.

The three judges scored it 115-111, 116-109 and 117-109, all in favour of Kameda.

Kameda is the first Japanese boxer to win three world titles, following the WBA light flyweight title in August 2006 and the World Boxing Council flyweight title in November 2009.

Kameda, ranked second in

the WBA, improved his record to 24 wins, including 15 KOs, against one defeat.

Munoz, 31 and ranked fifth, saw his record reduced to 35 wins, including 27 KOs, against four defeats.

Earlier in the day, Daiki Kameda, Kameda's younger brother, defended the WBA flyweight title by beating Silvio Olteanu of Romania by a split decision.

Daiki Kameda is the second of three boxing brothers, all of whom have bad-boy images in the media and among boxing fans.

Daiki was suspended from

boxing for a year after his failed title bid against then World Boxing Council flyweight champion Daisuke Naito in October 2007, for using dirty tactics including wrestling the veteran champion to the canvas.

Koki Kameda was reprimanded by the Japan Boxing Commission for urging his brother to fight dirty.

Their father, Shiro Kameda, has been barred by the WBC from serving as a cornerman in its matches for abusing match officials and has been slapped with a life ban by Japan's boxing authority.

## India suffer mauling from Steyn



South African Dale Steyn is ecstatic after dismissing Indian Rahul Dravid for 25 runs on the first day of the second Test between India and South Africa.

DURBAN (AFP) - Fast bowler Dale Steyn struck four times as India struggled to 168 for six at tea on the first day of the second Test against South Africa at Kingsmead on Sunday.

Steyn had figures of four for 36 as he took advantage of overcast conditions and a bouncy pitch after India, for the second successive match, were sent in after rain delayed the start of play.

Needing a victory to keep alive hopes of overall success in the three-match series, the visitors showed more fight

than they did when they were bowled out for 136 in the first innings of the first Test at Centurion, where they were beaten by an innings and 25 runs.

But they were once again in deep trouble.

Steyn posed a consistent threat, bowling at a lively pace and swinging the ball away from the batsmen. He dismissed both openers, Virender Sehwag (25) and Murali Vijay (19), in a spell of two for 19 in eight overs before lunch and added the wickets of Rahul Dravid (25) and VVS Laxman (38) during the afternoon.

Left-armers Lonwabo Tsotsobe claimed the key wicket of Sachin Tendulkar, who was caught at second slip for 13 in the first over after lunch.

Tsotsobe struck again shortly before tea, again in the first over of a spell, when Cheteshwar Pujara (19) top-edged an attempted hook to give wicketkeeper Mark Boucher an easy catch.

Tsotsobe also held a sensational catch to dismiss Laxman, the most impressive of the Indian batsmen.

Laxman, who had greeted Steyn at the start of his afternoon spell with a sumptuous straight drive for four and an effortless hook for six, pulled a short ball from Steyn. It seemed destined for the boundary at wide mid-on but Tsotsobe dived to his right and held the ball one-handed to the obvious astonishment of the batsman.

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Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown (23) is tackled by Detroit Lions linebacker Landon Johnson in the first quarter during an NFL football game in Miami, Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010.

## Vikings-Eagles moved to Tuesday Night

The NFL moved the Vikings at Eagles game from Sunday night to Tuesday because of an expected blizzard that could dump up to 20 inches snow on Philadelphia.

The game will be played at 8 p.m. and televised nationally by NBC.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter declared a snow emergency as of 2 p.m. EST Sunday.

The Vikings already have had two home games affected by the weather this season. Their game against the Giants on Dec. 12 was postponed a day after Minneapolis got 15 inches of snow. It was then moved to Detroit when the Metrodome roof collapsed.

Their game against Chicago the following week was played at the University of Minnesota's outdoor stadium because of the damaged roof.

Minnesota (5-9) is out of playoff contention, but the Eagles (10-4) can clinch the NFC East with a win.

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## Manchester clubs on top of Premier League

LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United remained two points clear at the top of the English Premier League on Sunday as Manchester City moved up into second place in the table.

Dimitar Berbatov's double saw United beat Sunderland 2-0 at Old Trafford while City, who were third on goal difference at the start of the day, won 3-1 at Newcastle in a match where Carlos Tevez scored twice.

Arsenal, who started the weekend in second, and fourth-placed champions Chelsea will look to maintain their title challenges when they meet at the Emirates Stadium on Monday.

United are the only unbeaten team in the league this season with 10 wins and seven draw and Ferguson added: "We have come into good form."

"We are getting that consistency, particularly in our defending. These are good signs for us."

## Feely field goal lifts Cardinals over Cowboys

GLENDALE (AFP) - Jay Feely booted a 48-yard field goal that just cleared the crossbar with five seconds to play on Saturday as Arizona held off Dallas for a 27-26 NFL victory.

In a Christmas Day contest between two teams already eliminated from playoff contention, Dallas rallied from 18 points down to take a 26-24 lead when Stephen McGee, playing in his first NFL game, threw 45 yards to Miles Austin for a touchdown with 1:46 remaining.

McGee, a second-year pro, came in after Cowboys

starter Jon Kitna left with a hip injury late in the first half.

Veteran Kitna had been the starter for Dallas since Tony Romo broke his collarbone almost two months ago. Kitna had run seven yards to the two-yard line and thrown a fourth-down touchdown pass to Jason Witten just prior to departing to the locker room for treatment.

Arizona responded as rookie John Skelton, facing fourth-and-15 from the Cardinals' 19 yard line, threw 26 yards to fellow rookie Max Komar to put the Cardinals into field goal range.



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## League fines 16 players for illegal hits

NEW YORK (AFP) – The NFL recently handed down fines to 16 players for illegal hits in last week's games, including penalties of 15,000 dollars apiece to Atlanta's Kroy Biermann and Cincinnati's Dhani Jones.

Falcons defensive end Biermann was docked for helmet-to-helmet contact on Seattle quarterback Charlie Whitehurst, Biermann's third illegal hit this season.

Jones was fined for the same infraction against Browns quarterback Colt McCoy.

A total of seven players were fined for roughing the passer and three for flagrant fouls on defenseless receivers, both of which have been emphasized by the National Football League this year as it cracks down on unnecessarily violent play.

Baltimore free safety Ed

Reed was fined 10,000 dollars for hitting New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees in the face.

Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher was docked the same amount for striking defenseless Minnesota tight end Visanthe Shiancoe in the neck and head area.

Another Bears defender, rookie Major Wright, also lost 10,000 dollars for hitting Vikings rookie quarterback

Joe Webb in the head and neck area and leading with his helmet.

Indianapolis defenders Robert Mathis and Antoine Bethea were both fined 10,000 dollars, Mathis for hitting Jacksonville quarterback David Garrard in the head and neck area and Bethea for helmet-to-helmet contact with Jaguars receiver Mike Thomas.

New England rookie cor-

nerback Devin McCourty was fined 10,000 dollars for unnecessary roughness for hitting Packers tight end Andrew Quarless when he was defenseless.

Another five players were fined 7,500 dollars each and three more were docked 5,000 dollars for tackles or actions such as grabbing a facemask that violated league rules.

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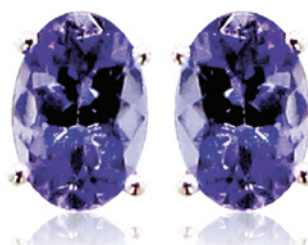


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